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Sample Description and Methodology

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- 1. Stratified samples of civilian/nonmilitary spouses of Active Component Soldiers were selected using official Army personnel files.
- 2. Three subsamples were defined based on the deployment status of the Soldier spouse during the last 36 months, that is, the Soldier spouse:
 - is currently deployed (D)
 - has deployed and returned (DR)
 - has not deployed (ND)
- 3. Each subsample received a different survey with some items tailored to the Soldier spouse's deployment status.
- 4. SAF V was conducted from August 2004 through January 2005.
- 5. 25,661 responses were received; 43% response rate.
- Introduction Slide 2 2004/5 Survey of Army Families V 6. 24,793 usable responses are included in the fixed database support



Methodology and Reporting Format

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- 7. Results weighted to total population of 218,536 spouses of Active Component Soldiers (48,393 officers and 170,143 enlisted). This includes:
 - 38,132 spouses of currently deployed Soldiers
 - 40,852 spouses of Soldiers who have deployed and returned
 - 139,551 spouses of Soldiers who have not deployed
- 8. The following text and graphic slides present weighted population percentages for spouses.
- 9. The text slides specify the SAF V subsample and, when trend data is available, compare the SAF V data with the total sample data from SAFs of previous years.
- 10. The text slides also indicate when there are significant differences between the 1991/2 SAF II (Desert Storm/Desert Shield) and the 2004/5 (OIF/OEF) responses.
- 11. The graphic slides present the sampling error along with the subsample (D, DR, ND) for the s



Sampling Errors for Total Sample

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- 12. Add sampling errors (SE) to determine if differences in percentage results are statistically significant.
- 13. SE for total spouses +/- 1%.
- 14. Raw unweighted sample sizes and sampling errors:

<u>+/- SE</u>	<u>n =</u>			<u>+/- SE</u>	<u>n =</u>		
1	4,269	&	over	8	133	_	170
2	1,537	-	4, 268	9	107	_	132
3	785	_	1,536	10	88	_	106
4	475	_	784	11	73	_	87
5	318	_	474	12	62	_	72
6	228	_	317	13	53	_	61
7	171	_	227	14	46	_	52